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ANTI MALARIA PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the anti-malarial `Dichloro-Diphenyl-Trichloroethane` (DDT) is still being used in the country for anti-malarial programme;

(b) if so, the extent to which other formulation is being used for anti-malarial operations in place of DDT;

(c) whether according to world health experts, DDT poses no major health hazard to human beings if used as anti-malarial spray and that there is still no cheap and effective substitute for DDT for anti-malarial operations; and

(d) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Apart from DDT, Malathion 25% wp and Synthetic Pyrethroids are being used for vector control under Anti Malaria Operation depending on vector sensitivity.

(c) & (d) The World Health Organization (WHO) Study Group on `Vector Control for Malaria and Other Mosquito Borne Diseases (1995) and the Expert Committee on Malaria (1998) recommended the use of DDT in indoor residual spray for vector control.